

The 7th Annual Scottsdale Feis

May 31st, 2026

Dear Families, Teachers, and Dancers,

The Michael Patrick Gallagher School of Irish Dance and the Phoenix Irish Heritage Association are pleased to announce the 18th annual Grand Canyon State Feis on Saturday, May 30th, 2026 and the 7th annual Scottsdale Feis on Sunday, May 31st, 2026!

Welcome to our venue, the beautiful Hilton DoubleTree Resort Paradise Valley-Scottsdale. The feis rate is \$153 per night (singles & doubles) and will encompass a few days before and after the feiseanna (May 26th to June 2nd). Please see our website at www.grandcanyonfeis.com for further information. Rooms at the feis rate are limited so book now! **The feis rate is only available until the block sells out or until May 8th, whichever comes 1st!**

Book Now!

Registration deadline is May 15, 2026. Our two feiseanna are listed individually on Feisworx and will require separate registrations and entry fees. Remember that **a dancer is not considered registered until fees are paid.**

We look forward to seeing you in May for a fun feiseanna weekend! Follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for updates!

Sincerely,

The Scottsdale Feis Committee & The Phoenix Irish Heritage Association

2026 Scottsdale Feis Syllabus

REGISTRATION & RESULTS available through Feisworx - **Entry Deadline: May 15, 2026- late fee \$30/dancer**

The Scottsdale Feis is a member of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha, Dublin, Ireland.

Location	The DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley - Scottsdale 5401 N. Scottsdale, AZ 85250 Resort Website: www.paradisevalley.doubletree.com Room rate only available until the block Sells out or May 8th, whichever comes first!
Contact Information	grandcanyonstatefeis@gmail.com
Website and Social Media	www.grandcanyonfeis.com Facebook: Grand Canyon State Feis Instagram: grandcanyonstatefeis

Registration/Fees	Registration can be found at www.feisworx.com Registration deadline is May 15, 2026		
	Soft shoe dances are \$20 flat fee		Hard shoe dances are \$20 flat fee
	Preliminary, Open & Adult Championships are \$55		Dance Specials \$10 each
	Family Maximum is \$150 (excludes family registration fee, specials and late fees)		Registration Fee is \$25 per family
			Late entry (payment made after the May 15th deadline) requires a \$30 late fee per dancer.
No refunds at any time, for any reason.			
Adjudicators	Laura Cass-Barrington, Texas Karl Drake, Georgia Lexa Hickey, New Jersey Joseph Manning, Kansas TBA TBA	Musicians	Eric Crone, Arizona Rio Navarro, California
Schedule	Please follow our Facebook or Instagram page for updates! The final feis schedule will be published as soon as possible after the registration deadline.		

Solo Competitions

Beg 1	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	11&O
Reel	100	110	120	130	140	150
Light Jig	101	111	121	131	141	151
Slip Jig	102	112	122	132	142	152
Single Jig	103	113	123	133	143	153
Treble Jig	104	114	124	134	144	154
Hornpipe	105	115	125	135	145	155
St. Patrick's Day	106	116	126	136	146	156
Beg 2	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	11&O
Reel	200	210	220	230	240	250
Light Jig	201	211	221	231	241	251
Slip Jig	202	212	222	232	242	252
Single Jig	203	213	223	233	243	253
Treble Jig	204	214	224	234	244	254
Hornpipe	205	215	225	235	245	255
St. Patrick's Day	206	216	226	236	246	256

Novice	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	320	330	340	350	360	370	380
Light Jig	321	331	341	351	361	371	381
Slip Jig	322	332	342	352	362	372	382
Single Jig	323	333	343	353	363	373	383
Treble Jig	324	334	344	354	364	374	384
Hornpipe	325	335	345	355	365	375	385
Traditional Set	326	336	346	356	366	376	386

Prizewinner	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	420	430	440	450	460	470	480
Light Jig	421	431	441	451	461	471	481
Slip Jig	422	432	442	452	462	472	482
Single Jig	423	433	443	453	463	473	483
Treble Jig	424	434	444	454	464	474	484
Hornpipe	425	435	445	455	465	475	485
Traditional Set	426	436	446	456	466	476	486

Grade Specials

Beginner 1 & 2 Light Jig	U7	U8	U9	U10	10&O	
<i>One step down the line</i>	928	929	930	931	932	
Novice & Prizewinner Reel	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	12&O
<i>One step down the line</i>	920	921	922	924	925	926

Adult Solos

Adult Solos	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Single Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	St. Pat's Day	Trad.Set
Beginner	600	601	602	603	604	605	606	-
Novice/PW	630	631	632	633	634	635	-	636
Adult Special	Suzanne Houghtelin Memorial Trad. Hornpipe Special					972		

Championships

Preliminary Championship	U9*	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	18&O
<i>*U9 must dance a Traditional set.</i>	700	701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710

Open Championship	U9*	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	19&O
<i>*U9 must dance a Traditional set.</i>	750	751	752	753	754	755	756	757	758	759	760	761

Adult Championship	790
3 rounds: Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe, Traditional set.	
Advanced Adult Championship	791
3 rounds: Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe, choice of set.	

Champ Specials	U13	13&O
Preliminary Champion Treble Reel (<i>Frank & Eileen Leavy Memorial for U13</i>)	954	956
Open Champion Treble Reel	962	964
Championship Traditional Set Dance (<i>open to all champ levels & ages</i>)	966	

Competition Rules	<p>Grand Canyon State Feis is registered with and will follow the rules of the Western US Regional Council and the Irish Dance Teachers' Association of North America.</p> <p>The dancer's age is determined as of January 1st.</p> <p>Competitors must be in the hall, prepared to dance, one hour prior to the scheduled beginning of their event.</p> <p>Dancers who appear in competitions in which they are not entered and paid will not be eligible for placement or awards.</p> <p>The feis committee reserves the right to combine or split competitions following the guidelines of the IDTANA and the Western US Regional Council. All efforts will be made to combine competitions where there are fewer than 5 competitors entered.</p> <p>The Michael Patrick Gallagher School of Irish Dance, The Phoenix Irish Heritage Association, The Grand Canyon State Feis, The Scottsdale Feis, and The DoubleTree Resort will not be held responsible or liable for personal injury, illness, property loss, and/or damage. By entering this feis, the entrant and/or the entrant's parent or legal guardian agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the above-mentioned parties from any liabilities or personal injury as a result of the entrant's participation. All entrants and attendees further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above-mentioned parties from any illness, personal injury, or death.</p> <p><u>LEVEL ADVANCEMENT & DEFINITION</u></p> <p>First Feis is not per dance. It is the first Feis ever for the dancer. Dancers may only enter First Feis once, even in case of back-to-back Feiseanna.</p> <p><u>Beginner 1, 2 & Novice:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5-9 Dancers - 1st place will advance to the next grade level</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">10+ Dancers - 1st and 2nd place will advance to the next grade level</p> <p><i>*Please note: Dancers may not stay in a level at Teacher discretion. Dancers must advance based on the placement awarded.</i></p> <p><u>Prizewinner:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-Advancement from Prizewinner to Preliminary Championship is at teacher's discretion.</p> <p><u>Preliminary to Open Championship:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-Must have 3 overall wins with 5 or more dancers, not at teacher discretion.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-Upon winning their 3rd overall win in Preliminary Championships, a dancer must move immediately to Open, even in the case of back-to-back Feisanna.</p> <p><u>Adults:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-Dancers who started after the age of 18 or have not competed for 5 years.</p> <p><u>Advanced Adults:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-An Advanced Adult dancer is defined as anyone age 18 or older who has previously placed in the top 3 of a Prelim Championship or competed in Open Champ levels in the youth & over levels regardless of when the competitor was active.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-An Advanced Adult dancer has opted to leave Youth & Over categories and once the dancer begins competing in Advanced Adult, the dancer may not return to Youth & Over categories.</p>
Awards	<p>Only Championship & Specials awards will be announced and given in-person. Competitors must be in costume including dance shoes to receive their awards. Results for Grades will be posted & available on Feisworx. There will be a designated area to pick up awards for Grades. Awards will not be mailed.</p>



SYLLABUS APPROVAL

SCOTTSDALE FEIS 2026

IS REGISTERED WITH THE
WESTERN U.S. REGIONAL COUNCIL

SYLLABUS APPROVED BY:

Annie Darlington

ADCRG - SERGEANT AT ARMS

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

DATE



LEVEL DEFINITIONS AND ADVANCEMENT RULES

First Feis is not per dance. It is the first Feis ever for the dancer. Dancers may only enter First Feis once, regardless of how many dances they are competing, even in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna.

In **Beginner 1, Beginner 2 and Novice** the following advancement rules will apply:

- Competitions with 5 - 9 dancers: 1st place will advance to the next grade.
- Competitions with 10 or more dancers: 1st and 2nd places will advance to the next grade.
- Dancers may not stay in level at teacher discretion, with the exception of back-to-back feiseanna.

Prizewinner: Advancement from Prizewinner to Preliminary Championship is at teacher discretion.

Preliminary to Open Championship:

- Dancer must have 3 overall wins in competitions with 5 or more dancers. Advancement to Open is not at teacher discretion.
- Upon winning 3rd overall win in Preliminary Championships, a dancer must move immediately to Open, even in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna. This includes 2-round and 3-round Preliminary Championships.

Adults: Dancers who started after the age of 18, or who have been out of Youth/&over competition for 5 years.

Advanced Adults: Dancers age 18 or older who previously placed in the top 3 of a Preliminary Championship or competed at the Open Championship level in the youth/&over levels, regardless of when the competitor was last active.

- Advanced Adults do not need to be out of competition for 5 years before moving from the youth/&over categories to Advanced Adults.
- Dancers who have already been competing in the regular Adult categories do not need to move to Advanced Adults, regardless of their level or placements achieved when competing in youth/&over.
- An Advanced Adult dancer has opted to leave Youth/&over categories, and once the dancer begins competing in Advanced Adult, the dancer may not return to Youth/&over categories.

Beginner Figures: Open only to dancers in beginner for at least one solo dance.

Open Figures: Open to all grade levels.